

# SALUTE TO THE WANDERERS

OVER the last week, the 'Free Press' has received several letters praising the achievement of Wycombe Wanderers in the F.A. Cup this season. Here's a selection from the correspondence:

SIR,

As a former resident in Widmer End and Hazlemere before moving to Amersham in March, 1939, and as a player who wore the quartered shirt occasionally during the few seasons after the Amateur Cup win, I felt I must go the couple of miles to cheer the Wanderers in their replay at Middlesbrough last evening.

Luckily, I purchased a ticket that had been returned unwanted from High Wycombe and I felt delighted to be amongst your block of very loyal supporters to witness a game that was a credit to you all.

I have watched very little Association Football for

pleasure or recreation as I have been too involved in playing or helping schoolboys as well as refereeing matches and games in the Old Boys' league.

I was impressed by the keenness and skill, application, and determination, knowledge and sportsmanship of the Wanderers who thoroughly earned and deserved the visual and vocal appreciation of the discerning crowd.

It was pleasing to talk to one of your supporters who remembered Reg Boreham, Grace, Cox, Braisher, Brown, Kipping, Badrick and Britnell, Rance, Reg Lacey, Vernon, Mines and Crump amongst former stalwarts.

On leaving the ground I was profoundly moved to hear local supporters rate the game so highly and one of them of many years standing was complimentary enough to say he had not enjoyed any game better, for more than 12 months.

Tom Knowles, 2 Kildale Grove, Fairfield, Stockton-on-Tees,

SIR,

As a regular member of the Holgate End at Middlesbrough, I must admit that I have never seen a better team at Ayresome Park this season than Wycombe (except Boro). I was very im-

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pressed with the way your lads had been organised. I was particularly impressed with your number 10, midfield man Mick Hollifield and goalie John Maskell.

May I wish your club continued success in years to come.

Graham Howard (15),  
15 Killinghall Grove,  
Hartburn Grange,  
Stockton-on-Tees,  
Cleveland.

SIR,

After our team's — Wycombe Wanderers — wonderful performance in the F.A. Cup, I am asking for those who enjoyed all the thrills of our team and who normally do not support us, do make an effort to come along to regular matches. There are more thrills to come so let's try and double our attendance. After all, the whole team and the manager, Brian, are doubly worth it!

W. J. Franklin,  
19 Cromwell Road,  
High Wycombe.

SIR,

I feel I must write to congratulate Mr. Lee and his magnificent team on a marvellous display tonight. The fact that neither trainer had to come on to the field at any time during the match is an indication of the sportsmanship that was shown. It was a hard-fought and very entertaining game and

a great credit to non-league football. I'm sure I speak for the majority of 'Boro's fans when I say thank you, Wycombe (even though you gave us a fright!). We'll be looking for your results every week from now on and, of course, we expect you to 'murder' the Isthmian League again. Best of luck.

J. Gibson,  
3 Laurel Road,  
Marton,  
Middlesbrough.

SIR,

Last night I went to see Boro against Wycombe expecting a high score, but what a match! It was a superb performance by your team, you soaked up pressure and counter-attacked on a few occasions. I thought your goalkeeper Maskell was brilliant and it's a pity that I won't see him again until the "cup" next year.

John Hamilton (14),  
71 Hummersknott Avenue,  
Darlington.